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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Review of Air Support by the Financial Policy and Budget Committee

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Amongst the activities scheduled for review by the Financial Policy and Budget Committee is the whole question of air support of one kind or another involving Agency resources. Apart from particularly sensitive activities which are now, I believe, consolidated under the jurisdiction of the DD/R, the Agency has a rather considerable investment in aircraft and air activity generally. These include activities for

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3. It seems to me that all of these activities should be looked at together to be sure that the Agency commitments represented thereby are reasonable and represent priority requirements. Otherwise, it does not seem to me that we can give the DCI assurance that we have carefully scrutinized all activities which conceivably present potentialities for retrenchment.

4. The chief difficulty in a survey for this purpose is in finding the individual or individuals qualified to assemble and present the relevant facts. In this particular instance, it seems to me wise to entrust this responsibility to some individual familiar with the programs but not immediately and personally associated with any of them. Both Tracy Barnes and Larry Houston believe that [redacted] of the General Counsel

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Staff, presently serving on the Staff of DODS, is an appropriately qualified individual to undertake this responsibility. Accordingly, I have tentatively arranged, subject to your approval, that [redacted] will undertake this review working, for this purpose, under Larry Houston's immediate guidance and supervision. His report will be submitted, in the first instance at least, to the Financial Policy and Budget Committee through the General Counsel.

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5. The report would include an analysis of each individual air project undertaken by the Agency with an adequate statement or summary of the following:

- a. The purpose of the project and the originator or originators of the requirement.
- b. Some indication, to the extent possible, of the relationship which the project bears, if any, to the potentialities and objectives of programs conducted by other Government Agencies.
- c. The total cost of the project, direct and indirect, in terms of money and personnel.
- d. The type and nature of the equipment used and its suitability for the specific or general purposes of the project or the Agency at large.

JOHN A. BROSS  
Comptroller

The recommendation in paragraph 4. is approved.

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(Signed) [redacted]

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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